

Frequently Asked Questions

Reconsideration of Merger Votes

- 1. The voters in my district did not approve a merger proposal. What can I do to arrange for a re-vote on the issue?**

The same process governing reconsideration or rescission of a budget vote (or any municipal vote) applies to merger votes as well (17 V.S.A. § 2661). District voters may submit a petition for reconsideration or rescission within 30 days of the merger vote. The petition must be signed by at least 5 % of the registered voters in the district. The revote is then scheduled to occur within 60 after the petition is submitted.

- 2. The voters in my district approved a merger proposal. What can I do to arrange for a re-vote on the issue?**

See the answer to question # 1 above.

- 3. The voters of District A and District B recently voted on a merger proposal. The voters in District B have submitted a petition for reconsideration. Does that mean the voters in District A have to revote the issue as well?**

No. The voters in District B cannot require the voters in District A to revote the issue. District A will revote the issue only if the voters in its own district file a valid petition for reconsideration.

- 4. The voters of District A and District B recently voted on a merger proposal. The voters in both District A and District B have submitted petitions for reconsideration. Do the reconsideration votes have to be scheduled for the same day?**

No. The law only requires that the initial vote on the proposed merger occur on the same day (16 V.S.A. § 706d). Nothing requires districts to schedule reconsideration votes on the same day.